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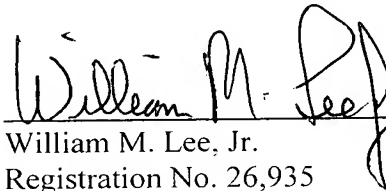
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and it is understood from the very helpful guidance of Ms. Vigil that a further claims fee will not be required given the proper amendments that are now submitted.

Examination of the application on its merits is awaited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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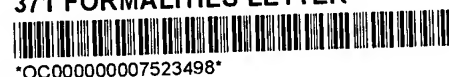
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The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

- U.S. Basic National Fees
- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Priority Document
- Copy of IPE Report
- Copy of references cited in ISR
- Copy of the International Application
- Copy of the International Search Report
- Preliminary Amendments
- Small Entity Statement
- Preliminary Amendments have not been entered because There are 35 original claims in preliminary amendment you are canceling 1-22 claims and replacing them with new claims 36-57 Need a new preliminary amendment.

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The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- \$65 Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than the appropriate 30 months months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)) is required.

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ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 22 or 32 MONTHS (where 37 CFR 1.495 applies) FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Additionally the following defects have been observed:

- Additional claim fees of **\$266** as a small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$331** for a Small Entity:

- **\$65** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is **\$266**
  - **\$126** for **16** total claims over 20.
  - **\$140** for multiple dependant claims surcharge.

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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